

**641—1.17 (139A,22) Confidentiality.**

**1.17(1)** A report or other information provided to or maintained by the department, a local board, or a local department which identifies a person infected with or exposed to a reportable or other disease or health condition is confidential and shall not be accessible to the public.

**1.17(2)** The identity of a business named in a report or investigation is confidential and shall not be accessible to the public. If information contained in a report or other information provided to or maintained by the department, a local board, or a local department concerns a business, information disclosing the identity of the business may be released to the public when the state public health medical director and epidemiologist or the director determines such a release of information necessary for the protection of the public.

**1.17(3)** Reportable disease records and information, with the exception of AIDS and HIV records, which identify a person or a business named in a report, may be disclosed under the following limited circumstances:

*a.* By and between department employees and agents who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties.

*b.* By and between department employees and agents and local boards of health and local health departments as necessary to conduct an investigation or to enforce a department order or an order of a local board of health.

*c.* By and between department employees and agents and health care providers, laboratories, and hospitals as necessary to conduct an investigation or to enforce a department order or an order of a local board of health.

*d.* By and between department employees and agents and employees and agents of federal, state, and local agencies as necessary to conduct an investigation or to enforce a department order or an order of a local board of health.

*e.* Reportable disease information may be included in a quarantine or isolation order or placard as necessary to prevent the spread of a quarantinable disease.

*f.* Pursuant to rule 641—175.9(17A,22) or 641—175.10(17A,22).